

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of August 13 2004, are earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 5, 9—11 and 15—16 have been canceled and Claims 2—4, 6—8, 12—14 and 17 have been amended to clarify Applicants' invention. Claims 18 and 19 have been added. Claims 2—4, 6—8, 12—14 and 17—19 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1—6 and 9—16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Barnes et al. (U.S. 5,970,475). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

New claims 18 and 19 respectively replace original canceled Claims 1 and 15. Barnes et al. does not teach Applicants' Internet based computerized market center through which buying entities access purchaser websites for entering into transactions as called for in Applicants' new Claims 18 and 19. Claim 18 and its dependent Claims 2—4, 6 and 12—14, and Claim 19 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 7, 8 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 7 and 8 depend from new Claim 18, and Claim 17 depends from new Claim 19, and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above with respect to Claims 18 and 19.

Claims 2—4, 6—8, 12—14 and 17, as amended herein, and newly submitted Claims 18—19 are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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